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In re application of:

Bringhurst *et al.*

Appl. No. To be assigned
(Continuation of U.S. Appl. No.
08/903,977; Filed: July 31, 1997)

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For: **Screening Assays for G Protein
Coupled Receptor Agonists and
Antagonists**

Art Unit: To be determined

Examiner: To be determined

Atty. Docket: 0609.4430001/JAG/CMB

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the captioned application as follows:

Amendments

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On the first page of the specification, on the line following the title, please insert the following: This Application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/903,977, filed on July 31, 1997, which relied upon and is fully incorporated by reference herein.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 3-5 without prejudice.